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The People Want To Know

Congressmen returning from their districts to the opening of the session at Washington report, democrats as well as republicans, an increasing curiosity among their constituents regarding possible changes in the cabinet. The people want to know, their representatives say, whether certain Secretaries are likely long to continue to direct great destinies in the war, and they also want to know why the president fails to take counsel with men like Roosevelt, Taft, Hughes, Root and others who have had experience, who are known to the people of this and of other lands, whose patriotism is undoubted, whose wisdom is great, whose counsel is prudent, and whose services would be of great value. We do not know what answer congressmen have made to any of these questions propounded by an eager and well-taxed constituency; but there are ready discernible reasons why Mr. Wilson insists upon maintaining his cabinet as it is and why he does not consult with the men who have been named. In the first place, it is well known from Mr. Wilson's history at Trenton, at Princeton and at Washington, that he cannot consent to have around him any man who can be even remotely regarded as a rival in fame or power. In the second place the men mentioned as suitable consultants for a war president are all republicans, while Mr. Wilson remains as he always has been a democrat of democrats.

Won't Be Any Core

The Kaiser, the Austrian Emperor-King, Tsar Ferdinand of Bulgaria, and Enver pasha recently gathered at a point on the Isonzo front to discuss topics connected with the war, the principal subject considered being Austria's share in the spoils. There is an old saying, "Where the carcass is there are the vultures gathered together." In this case, though, there was no corpse for them to fall upon. Rallied along the Piave and reinforced by their Allies, the Italian armies were beating back the combined assaults of the Teutonic forces at the moment when this great quartette were assembling. When the spoils of the war are finally distributed, Germany, Austria Bulgaria and Turkey will figure in the proceedings; but none of them will do the carving.

Chopfallen Chairmen

A Washington correspondent declares that the proper scrutiny of war appropriations is due to the unwillingness among congressmen who hold chairmanships to weaken their authority. This may be one of the causes, but the main reason is that the president of the United States used his influence last session with members of the house to prevent the adoption of the plan for which the senate had voted. This plan contemplated a joint committee of the two houses, which would not interfere with the prerogatives of any man—chairman or not—but which would keep a watchful eye upon expenditures, so that full value would be exacted for all appropriations made to the end that future appropriations might become smaller. The president now is said to favor the plan which will take the authority away from committee chairman; and these aggrieved gentlemen should know where to take their complaints.

Prohibition Helps Banks

Bank deposits in Salt Lake City have increased 3 per cent, more than \$1,000,000, since August 1, when prohibition became effective in Utah. The same percentage of gain is shown by banks in other communities of the state where liquor was sold before the dry law went into effect.

Meat Cutting And Curing

The farmer is doing a war service if he puts up his year's supply of cured meats instead of depending upon the products of the packing houses. During Farmer's Week at the University of Missouri, Columbia, a series of lectures and practical demonstrations will be given on slaughtering domestic animals and cutting and curing meats. The hog carcasses should be dressed so they will chill out most rapidly and thus lessen the danger of sour joints. Any one can cut meat up into chunks, but it requires some knowledge and skill to cut up the carcass so that a maximum amount of choice cuts can be secured for curing. Much country cured meat is too salty to eat. Care in curing will produce meat that is equal to the packing house product. Country lard is often dark colored and leaves a dirty sediment in the bottom of the can. Suggestions will be offered for making white lard free from sediment.

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20,000 Graduate Nurses Required

With a continuance of the war, in the next year at least 20,000 nurses will be needed in army hospitals at home and abroad. Of the 80,000 graduate nurses of the country only 3,500 have so far been assigned to duty in army service, and of this number 1,500 are in France.

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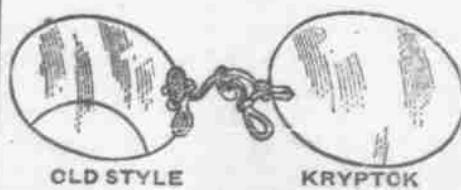
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